

**ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD**

Wednesday, July 10th, 2013, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:02 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Mark Marinaro, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Todd Cagnoni, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Alderman John Beck, 12th Ward

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 12, 2013, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 8th Ward from Stephanie Robertson, 3105 Meriday Lane, 61109 to establish stop control for Meriday Lane at the intersection of Jacqueline Drive and Meriday lane. (Commission discussed that this is a “T” intersection. Commission discussed that Ms. Robertson’s letter children cross the street and wait for the bus. G. Wilson confirmed that many children catch the bus at this location. Commission recommended establishing stop control of Meriday Lane stopping for Jacqueline Drive. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 10-0)
2. Request from Alderman Frost, 4th Ward, to repeal existing “No Left Turn 6 am – 9 am and 3 pm – 6 pm” for north and south bound traffic on Spring Brook Road at the intersection of Spring Brook Road and Spring Creek Road and replace with “Right Turn Only 6 am – 9 am and 3 pm – 6pm” for north and south bound traffic on Spring Brook Road at the intersection of Spring Creek and Spring Brook Road. (Commission discussed that the current sign allows for cars to go through the intersection and that was more likely to cause an accident than cars turning left. F. Lierman discussed that one car trying to go through the intersection can cause a large back up onto Spring Brook Road. Lt. Bishop discussed that this area with the near-by intersection at Alpine is a high accident area. G. McIntyre discussed that this would limit bikes from crossing the intersection and this was a bike route. Commission discussed bicyclists would break the law or would need to dismount bikes. Commission recommended

establishing Turn prohibition of “Right Turn Only 6 am – 9 am and 3 pm – 6pm” for north and south bound traffic on Spring Brook Road at the intersection of Spring Creek and Spring Brook Road. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by C. Bishop. Voted 7-3)

3. Request in the 13th Ward from Susan Paulsen of St. Mary Oratory Institute of Christ the King, 61102 to repeal “Official Parking Only Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm” on the north side of Elm Street from Winnebago Street to 165 feet east of Winnebago Street and replace with “2 Hour Parking” on the north side of Elm Street from Winnebago Street to 165 feet east of Winnebago Street. (J. Carter discussed that since the change a few months earlier the church has complained about the lack of spaces for week day mass and the police department is willing to give the spaces back. Commission recommended establishing “2 Hour Parking” on the north side of Elm Street from Winnebago Street to 165 feet east of Winnebago Street, thus repealing the previous “Official Parking Only Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm” restriction for the same area. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by L. Carlson. Voted 10-0)

The Traffic Commission recommended taking “No Action” on the following items:

1. Request from Alderman Getchius, 2nd Ward, to establish stop control for 19th Street to stop for 11th Avenue at the intersection of 19th Street and 11th Avenue. (Commission discussed that 19th Street stops at 10th Avenue and 12th Avenue. Commission discussed that existing 11th Avenue yields for 19th Street and that there is low traffic and only 2 crashed since 2010. Commission discussed that it would not be appropriate to stop 19th Street for 11th Avenue when 19th Street has a higher traffic volume. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 10-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by J. Carter

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

August 14, 2013 6:00 PM.

Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary